A copy of our most recently filed financial report is available from the Charities Registry on the New York State Attorney General’s website (www.charitiesnys.com) or, upon request, by contacting the New York State Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, or us at Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, 126 South Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801. You also may obtain information on charitable organizations from the New York State Office of the Attorney General at www.charitiesnys.com or 212.416.8401.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Glens Falls Hospital has taken care of our communities’ comprehensive healthcare needs. We rely on your ongoing financial support so we can continue to provide high-quality programs like palliative care. You can make a gift to our annual fund, our new palliative care fund, or another area of your choice. We are here through it all.

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TODAY
Work and family brought college sweethearts Dave and Judy Collins to this region almost 30 years ago.

Dave worked in IT and Judy started a thriving business as a real estate agent. Judy loved the real estate business; many clients became close friends and this work kept her active and engaged with the community well into her 70s.

This spring, heart problems landed Judy in Glens Falls Hospital several times. Her stay in June turned into a 10-day visit. Judy was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathy, a form of weakness in the heart which has no curative treatment. Judy would not be able to return to her normal routine. It was then that she was introduced to the hospital-based palliative care team.

My focus is on quality of life, to help my patients stay as well as they can for as long as they can.

- Dr. Stevens

While many people think of palliative care as end-of-life care, it is actually focused on helping patients understand and proactively manage their chronic or life-threatening illness to live as well as possible. The care is customized, based on the patient’s needs as a whole person.

The palliative care team optimizes communication between medical providers, patient, and family. Goals of care and an appropriate care plan are established to address symptoms in the hospital and after discharge.

Palliative care is critical to our community. Our population over the age of 65 is 25% higher than the national average. Older populations have higher rates of one or more life-threatening and chronic diseases, such as cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, cardiovascular diseases, COPD and diabetes.

One of the first things Dave shared with Dr. Noelle Stevens, Judy’s palliative care doctor, was that Judy “loves her kids and her family and would prefer to go home.” Dr. Stevens helped Judy and Dave and their three adult children understand her disease, medication and treatment options. They worked together on a comprehensive plan to support Judy at home rather than a rehabilitation facility with limited visitation.

Dr. Stevens also worked closely with Judy’s outpatient providers to formulate a unified care plan focused on avoiding readmission to the hospital.

Because of the palliative care she received at Glens Falls Hospital, Judy has been able to spend quality time in her own home with her family and loved ones.

Spiritual guidance was important for Judy. Our palliative care team collaborated with pastoral care. Sister Donna’s daily visits comforted Judy and her family, putting them more at ease with their situation.